

Attorney Docket No. 002547-20018.DIV2

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of  
CH IEN HO, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/986,633  
Filed: November 9, 2001  
For: LOW OXYGEN AFFINITY MUTANT  
HEMOGLOBINS

Group Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: K. Carlson

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to extend the term for response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2003 for one (1) month to and including March 19, 2004, which date is within the six month maximum response time afforded by 35 U.S.C. § 133.

A check in the amount of \$55.00 is attached to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) for "response within first month" by a small entity. The Director is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0582 for any

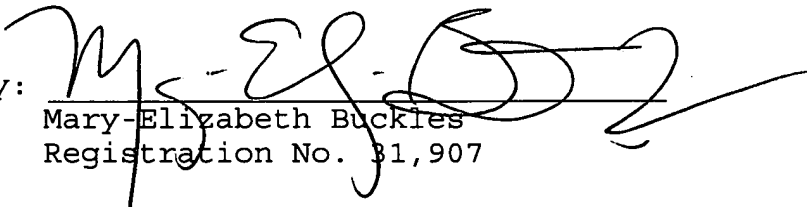
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